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Senator CAMERON-In relation to the ongoing operation of the stimulus package, have you got any examples in New South Wales-I am a senator for New South Wales-of some of the big milestones that have been achieved in the package? You might like to take that on notice.

Ms Granger-Perhaps we should take that on notice and see what we can get you.

Answer:

Building the Education Revolution

At the start of October the Ebor Public School in New England became the first NSW school to have its Primary Schools for the 21st Century projects completed.

Of 3,487 Primary Schools for the 21st Century approved projects in NSW, 3,365 had commenced by the end of September with well over 500 under construction.

Social Housing

In October, the NSW Housing Minister David Borger announced that work had commenced on the 1000th home to be delivered in NSW. The dwelling is part of a 28 unit development in Murwillumbah and work is expected to be completed in June 2010.

Under the Repairs and Maintenance program, work is complete on over 20,000 dwellings.

Rail

Two major rail projects have been completed in New South Wales, both in the Hunter Valley. The Maitland to Branxton bidirectional signalling project was completed and the works commissioned into operation on May 2009, while the St. Helier and Muswellbrook duplication and upgrade was completed on 14 August 2009. Five other New South Wales rail projects are underway.